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SUBJECT: BRITISH ARMS SALES TO LIBYA

DURING VISIT OF NEA ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS TO LONDON FOR CENTO MINISTERIAL HE MET WITH FCO ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY WEIR ON APR 18 AND DISCUSSED ARMS SALES TO LIBYA. SAUNDERS OUTLINED FOR WEIR THE CONGRESSIONAL CONSTRAINTS ON U.S. SALES OF ARMS AND ANY AIRCRAFT, EVEN CIVILIAN, TO LIBYA, STEMMING FROM CONCERN OVER LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR TERRORIST GROUPS. WEIR IN RETURN COMMENTED THAT THE UK IS NOT "HELL-BENT" ON SELLING ARMS TO LIBYA. HOWEVER, WHEN THE LIBYANS MERELY "TAKE SOUNDINGS" IN THE UK, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT CANNOT TURN DOWN THESE MERE SOUNDINGS SINCE THIS WOULD PRODUCE LIBYAN RESENTMENT AND A ROW. IN FACT, HOWEVER, WEIR SAID, NOTHING COMES OF THE SOUNDINGS, SINCE THE LIBYANS TALK GRANDLY BUT DON'T BUY ANYTHING.

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